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SUBJECT: REACTION OF SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITIES TO ORLOV TRIAL
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1. WASHINGTON POST RECENTLY REPORTED THAT ABOUT 450 EUROPEAN SCIENTISTS HAD SIGNED PETITION CALLING FOR SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO ALLOW ORLOV TO TRAVEL TO SWITZERLAND FOR WORK AT THE NUCLEAR RESEARCH FACILITY (CERN). WE ARE WONDERING WHETHER CSCE POSTS IN NATO AND NNA COUNTRIES ARE AWARE OF THIS OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZED REACTION BY HOST COUNTRY SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY TO ORLOV TRIAL AND SENTENCING, OR TO APPARENTLY PENDING TRIALS OF GINZBERG, SHCHARANSKIY, OR OTHER SOVIET OR EAST EUROPEAN PERSECUTION OF DISSIDENT SCIENTISTS.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF ANY SUCH REACTION BY HOST COUNTRIES SCIENTISTS, ESPECIALLY STATEMENTS BY OFFICIAL SCIENTIFIC BODIES. (FYI: NATIONAL ACADEMY
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OF SCIENCE IS ITSELF DEBATING WHETHER AND HOW BEST TO RESPOND INSTITUTIONALLY TO ORLOV AND OTHER TRIALS AND HAS SOUGHT DEPARTMENTS HELP TO SURVEY THE EXTENT TO WHICH WESTERN EUROPEAN OR NEUTRAL CSCE STATE SCIENTISTS OR THEIR ORGANIZATIONS MAY HAVE CRITICIZED SOVIET PROSECUTION OF ORLOV AND HARRASSMENT OF OTHER SCIENTISTS. DEPARTMENT

INTENDS TO SHARE WITH NAS INFORMATION POSTS CAN PROVIDE.
END FYI.)

3. REQUEST RESPONSE NO LATER THAN COB JUNE 20. IF
CHOOSING TO MAKE INQUIRIES OF SCIENTISTS OR THEIR
ORGANIZATIONS, POST SHOULD AVOID MENTION OF NATIONAL
ACADEMY OF SCIENCE INTEREST. CHRISTOPHER

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